

## **Important information about new U.S. Passport Fees as of July 13, 2010**

An increase in passport fees will take place July 13, 2010. The new fees may be found on the following chart – [click here for the pdf](#) .

The changes in passport fees, which come into effect on July 13, 2010, will cover actual operating expenses for the 23 domestic passport agencies and centers.

In response to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), the Department of State has undertaken a systematic expansion of the network to provide better service to communities that have been particularly affected by the land border crossing requirements associated with that program. By the spring of Fiscal Year 2011, the Department of State will have 23 passport agencies providing emergency services to the general public, three high volume application processing centers, and two large scale document print centers.

Fees for passport books also cover the costs of certain emergency services provided to U.S. citizens overseas, including assistance to U.S. citizens who have been victims of crime, assistance provided after the death of a U.S. citizen, and visits to U.S. citizens in overseas prisons. These services also include organizing the evacuation of U.S. citizens affected by war or natural disaster in a foreign country, such as victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. The estimated cost of providing such services to U.S. citizens in Fiscal Year 2009 was almost \$300 million.

Passport application or passport renewal information may be found at the Department of State Travel Section: [http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html) .

To learn more, please click [here](#) .